

**JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**  
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners  
770 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2020  
September 15, 2020  
Scheduled Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Valorie Dearmon, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm on September 15, 2020.

Joint Committee members present:

Valorie Dearmon, DNP, RN, NEA-BC  
Sheila Lopez, CNM  
Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP  
Julia Boothe, MD, MPH, FAAFP, CMD  
John S. Meigs Jr., MD  
Dick Owens, MD (telephonic)

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice  
Alice Maples Henley, General Counsel  
Sharon Owen, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Amanda Hargrove, CRNP, Collaborative Practice Consultant  
Pat Ward, RN, Collaborative Practice Consultant

Joint Committee Visitors:

Beth Allen, FNP-C, MSN, CRNP, Women's Health Division Director  
Grace Thomas, MD, FACOG, Assistant State Health Officer

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared with three nurse members and three physician members present.

**3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Prior notice of meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

**4. APPROVAL, REORDERING OR MODIFYING OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Daniel added Item 8G, Item 8H and Amended Item 9 as presented.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On September 15, 2020, Dr. Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee adopt the Agenda as

presented to include the modifications for adding Item 8G, Item 8H and Amended Item 9. Ms. Lopez seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

## 6. REVIEW OF MINUTES

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of May 19, 2020. Dr. Owens seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Limited Protocol - ADPH

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve the Limited Protocol for Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH).

**On September 15, 2020**, Ms. Lopez moved that the Joint Committee approve the Limited Protocol for the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) as presented. Dr. Rhodes seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

### B. American Family Care Request for FTE Expansion

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve the American Family Care request for full-time equivalent (FTE) expansion for six physicians for 12 months.

American Family Care reports challenges in the retention and recruiting of physicians and requests the following FTEs for six physicians over the next 12 months:

- Dr. Benjamin Barlow, CMO, 9:1 [360 hours]
- Dr. David Marotta, 9:1 [360 hours]
- Dr. Blake Thomas, 9:1 [360 hours]
- Dr. Kitturah Schomberg-Klaiss, 5:1 [200 hours]
- Dr. Ryan Gregorio, 6:1 [240 hours]
- Dr. James Tuck, 9:1 [360 hours]

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the American Family Care request for full-time equivalent (FTE) expansion for six physicians, as listed above, for the next 12 months. Ms. Lopez seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

### C. Physician Assistant Approved Formulary

The Joint Committee members were asked to approve additions/modifications to the CRNP/CNM formulary of legend drug classifications to mirror the newly adopted formulary for the physician assistants in the state of Alabama.

**On September 15, 2020**, Ms. Lopez moved that the Joint Committee deny the additions/modifications to the CRNP/CNM formulary of legend drug classifications to mirror the newly adopted formulary for the physician assistants in the state of Alabama as presented. Dr.

Rhodes seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

**D. Annual Skills Review**

The Joint Committee members were asked to review the list of procedures which require special consideration or are “not allowed” in collaborative practice and provide recommendations to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners regarding realignment of skills to standard or specialty protocols or to continue as listed.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the list of procedures which require special consideration or are “not allowed” in collaborative practice as presented. Dr. Boothe seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

**E. Election of Chairperson**

The Joint Committee members were requested select a physician member as Chairperson for 2020-2021.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Meigs nominated Dr. Boothe as Chairperson for 2021-2022. Dr. Owens seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

**F. Joint Committee Meeting Dates for 2021**

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve the Joint Committee meeting dates for 2021. Members were presented with two options as presented below.

**Proposed 2021 Meeting Dates**

<b>Joint Committee Meeting Dates (6)</b>	<b>Joint Committee Meeting Dates (3)</b>
Jan 19	Jan 19
Mar 16	
May 18	May 18
July 20	
Sept 14	Sept 14
Nov 16	

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee adopt the six (6) Joint Committee meeting dates with the flexibility to cancel a scheduled meeting as seen needed. Dr. Boothe seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

**G. Dr. Brandi J. Rudolph Bolling FTE Expansion Request**

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve the expansion request from Dr. Brandi

Rudolph allowing her two additional FTE for the next three years.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee members approve the FTE expansion request of Dr. Rudolph to allow two additional FTE for the next three years. Dr. Meigs seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

#### H. Addition of Ventilator Management to the Standard Protocol for Neonatal Certified NPs

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve the addition of ventilator management to the standard protocol for the neonatal certified nurse practitioner.

**On September 15, 2020**, Ms. Lopez moved that the Joint Committee members approve the addition of ventilator management to the standard protocol for the neonatal certified nurse practitioner. Dr. Rhodes seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

### 9. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by August 17, 2020, for Collaborative Practice agreements.

#### A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of August 17, 2020, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

After publication of the roster (listed on roster)

Item #	Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
1-1	2/18/2020-9/4/2020	Benjamin Cabasada	1-1797774	Kathleen Cullen	MD32673

**On September 15, 2020**, Ms. Lopez moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice from date of temporary approval through date of termination. Dr. Rhodes seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

#### B. Applications for Full Review

The applications for 'Full Review' include Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians.

1. Item 1-1 thru 10-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreement for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, Item 2-1 as listed on the roster. Ms. Lopez seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion. Dick Owens, MD, opposed and John Meigs Jr., MD, voted present.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreement for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, Item 3-1 as listed on the roster. Ms. Lopez seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and

Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Boothe moved that the Joint Committee deny the collaborative practice agreement for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, Item 4-1 as listed on the roster. Dr. Meigs seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, voted in favor of the motion. Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, opposed and Dick Owens, MD, abstained.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee deny the collaborative practice agreement for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, Items 5-1 and 10-1 as listed on the roster. Dr. Owens seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Rhodes moved that the Joint Committee deny the collaborative practice agreement for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, Item 6-1 as listed on the roster. Dr. Meigs seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Dick Owens, MD, and Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

**On September 15, 2020**, Ms. Lopez moved that the Joint Committee defer full approval of the collaborative practice agreement for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, Items 7-1, 8-1 and 9-1 as listed on the roster pending the addition of an appropriate covering physician. Dr. Rhodes seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, and Dick Owens, MD, voted in favor of the motion.

2. Item 11-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skill

**On September 15, 2020**, Ms. Lopez moved that the Joint Committee defer the collaborative practice agreement for Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skill, Item 11-3 as listed on the roster for further information. Dr. Rhodes seconded. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, and Dick Owens, MD, voted in favor of the motion.

3. Items 12-4 thru 22-4, Collaborative Practice Application which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid.

ITEM #	APP TYPE	LICENSE #	NURSE NAME	PHYSICIAN NAME	LICENSE #	APPLICATION DATE
12-4	Initial	1-140161	Allison Carnes	Allen Dupre	MD16589	7/5/2020
13-4	Initial	1-182633	Phuong Le	Kristen Miranda	MD40873	8/14/2020
14-4	Add	1-136141	Bridget Crain	James Lott	MD18995	5/18/2020
15-4	Add	1-129322	Marjorie Seltzer	Scott Boswell	MD16975	7/10/2020
16-4	Add	1-131955	Richard Vinson	Laura Bunch	MD22389	7/15/2020
17-4	Add	1-148956	Anna Lea	Margaret Miklic	MD31982	7/17/2020
18-4	Add	1-090452	Danie'l Mills	David Cole	MD36481	7/22/2020
19-4	Add	1-142436	Angelica Jenkins	Manuel Pouparinas	MD28396	7/22/2020
20-4	Add	1-143804	Abigail Mackey	Thomas Washburn	MD11115	8/2/2020
21-4	Add	1-090205	Deanna Jackson	Elizabeth Cole	MD32282	8/11/2020
22-4	Add	1-135737	Leslie Grounds	Sunil Sharma	MD29037	8/12/2020

**On September 15, 2020**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee deny and withdraw

consideration of complete Collaborative Practice Applications which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid, excluding Item 12-4 for which physician fee was received. Ms. Lopez second. Julia Boothe, MD, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, Sheila Lopez, CNM, John Meigs Jr., MD, Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, and Dick Owens, MD, voted in favor of the motion.

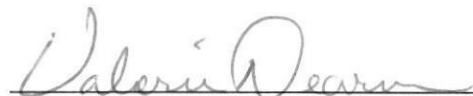
**10. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Nursing 770 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Lopez moved for adjournment. Dr. Rhodes seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm on September 15, 2020.



Valorie Dearmon, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Chairperson

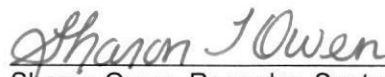
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Date of Approval

Submitted by:



Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN  
Alabama Board of Nursing



Sharon Owen, Recorder, September 15, 2020  
Alabama Board of Nursing